



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Docket No: 30691/DP016

**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53**



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING MAIL

**1. Type of Application**

☒ This is a new application for a utility patent.

**2. Application Papers Enclosed**

- 1 title page
- 13 pages of specification (excluding claims, abstract, and drawings)
- 3 pages of claims
- 1 page of abstract
- 4 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1 to 4)

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10**

I hereby certify that this Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on April 13, 2004, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 utilizing the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service under Mailing Label No. EV323768491US.

  
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**3. Declaration or Oath**

- ☒ Not enclosed - the undersigned attorney or agent is authorized to file this application on behalf of the applicants. An executed declaration will follow.

**4. Additional Papers Enclosed**

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Return receipt postcard

**5. Priority Applications Under 35 USC 119**

Certified copies of applications from which priority under 35 USC 119 is claimed are listed below and

- ☐ are attached.
- ☒ will follow.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	FILED
Germany	101 50 560.4	15 October 2001

6. **Filing Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

A. ☒ **Utility Application**

CLAIMS AS FILED - INCLUDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT(S) (IF ANY)						
			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$385.00		\$770.00
TOTAL	9 - 20	= 0	X 9 =	\$	X 18 =	
INDEP.	2 - 3	= 0	X 43 =	\$	X 86 =	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 145 =	\$	+ 290 =	
Filing Fee:				\$	OR	\$770.00

B. ☐ **Design Application (\$170.00/\$340.00)**

Filing Fee:

C. ☐ **Plant Application (\$265.00/\$530.00)**

Filing Fee:

D. **Other Fees**

☐ Recording Assignment [Fee — \$40.00 per assignment]

☐ Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors  
or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign  
or cannot be reached [Fee — \$130.00]

☐ Other

**Total Fees Enclosed \$770.00**

7. **Method of Payment of Fees**

☒ Enclosed check in the amount of:

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**8. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

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